



METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PLAYING AN IMPROVED GAME

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OF BLACKJACK
This application is a continuation of 09/703,373, filed 6/1/99, now abandoned which claims benefit of provisional application 60/1162,992, filed 11/01/1999.
Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to methods and electronic devices for playing Blackjack related wagering games.

Background

The game of Blackjack is a well known and popular game. It is played in a table game version as well on electronic devices. In a casino, the game is played with each player making a monetary wager. The rules for the play of Blackjack are well known. Also in casinos it is known to provide electronic machines at which a player may make a wager and play the game against a computer generated hand representing the dealer's hand. Again this electronic version of the game is played according to the traditional rules for the play of Blackjack. The game has also been embodied into hand-held electronic and computer games where it is played using fictitious credits for fun.

According to the rules of Blackjack, the player is paid even money if his hand total, according to the rules of play, is higher than that of the dealer and less than or equal to a summed value of "21". If the player has a Blackjack, where the player's first two cards dealt are an Ace with a ten-value card for a hand value of "21", the player is paid 3:2 on their wager. Thus, for traditional Blackjack, the highest return a player can expect on their wager is 3:2.